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COMMENTARY

Republican revolution... or last hurrah?

by Erich Mathias
MGW/Guest commentary

con-ser-va-tive adj 1. a. Tending to oppose change; favoring traditional views and values.

con-ser-va-tism n 1. a. the disposition in politics to maintain the existing order and to resist or oppose change

re-volu-tion-a-ry adj 1. Of, pertaining to, or bringing about a political or social revolution. 2. Characterized or resulting in radical change.

re-volu-tion n 3. a. A sudden political overthrow or seizure of power brought about from within a given system.

Prior to the 1994 elections few political pundits, spin doctors, analysts, pollsters, or psychics predicted what is now being hailed as the "Republican Revolution." Radical change, by definition, is unpredictable. But is the so-called "Republican Revolution" truly a revolution or is it the last, nightmarish gasp of a dying political breed?

Examining the modern political and ideological structure of the Republican Party proves it to be intransigently, socially, and economically conservative. Many of the Party's modern political tenets have been attached to it by the so-called "Religious Right," which gained prominence in the presidential victory of Ronald Reagan in 1980. The "Religious Right's" exponents, such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, have joined hands with neo-

Wealth of Nations (1776) outlines his belief that self-interest would operate to bring about the healthiest economic conditions for all citizens and his theories formed the basis of the modern American system of *laissez-faire* capitalism (albeit a mixed economy of freedom and controls). According to Locke (1632-1704), the state should operate according to natural laws of reason and tolerance. The American Declaration of Independence, in particular, echoes his contention that government rests on popular consent and that rebellion is necessary when government subverts the protection of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of individual self-interest, i.e. happiness.

The political and economic systems laid forth by Smith and Locke advocate the heart of what is actually

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conservative mouthpieces such as Rush Limbaugh, William F. Buckley, and their ilk in prescribing the thoughts and actions for the party faithful. With rare exceptions (and claims to being the party of Abraham Lincoln notwithstanding), Republicans have followed the "Religious Right's" dictates against abortion, pornography, homosexuality, and propagandize against those who hold the omnipresent horror known as "liberal" values.

Limbaugh, during a recent broadcast of his syndicated television program, proclaimed that America is "a conservative country. America has always been conservative and always will be conservative, so get used to it!" His cry of victory for Republican gains in the 1994 elections certainly did not fall on deaf ears:

Limbaugh's huge following of automatons, known affectionately (and appropriately) as "Dittoheads," will actually invent evidence for such a pronouncement, and few modern liberals have the intellectual ammunition to challenge it.

Adam Smith and John Locke would most certainly disagree with a charlatan like Limbaugh and the intolerant attitudes of the right wing and modern religious zealots. Smith's (1732-1790) *The*

thought of being excluded from their subjects' bedrooms, wombs, or emotional experiences. They pound their fists in defense of a free marketplace, insofar as that marketplace follows their particular commandments. They abhor the free and independent individual because "Dittoheads" are much more predictable and easier to control.

Obviously, the "Republican Revolution" was merely a synaptic jerk of a political party in rigor mortis...just as the Democratic party suffered

in 1992. These are not victories or revolutions but reminders that the American political system is an evolving organism. It is a reptile that must shed its skin in order that it may bask in the daylight of a new season. Old skin is not to be mourned, it is to be left behind for the flies...and it is here that we, as a people, move on. ▼

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LIFE AIDS Lobby targeted in Sacramento

Bomb threat to California's gay lobby

On the morning of April 25, a hate monger called the LIFE AIDS Lobby and using profanity and hate-language directed at the gay community, warned its staff to "get out of the building unless you want to die." After a careful search of the 14-story building, and a thorough walk-through their offices with police, the LIFE AIDS Lobby staff, as well as other building residents, were allowed back inside.

Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE, reassured the community of the safety of LIFE staff and volunteers, and denounced the caller as evil.

"We took the threat very seriously," said McBride. "Yesterday, just four blocks away, a mail bomb explosion killed a forestry lobbyist. His death was a senseless, cold blooded act, far too close to home for comfort. We were concerned for ourselves — and for everyone else in the

building."

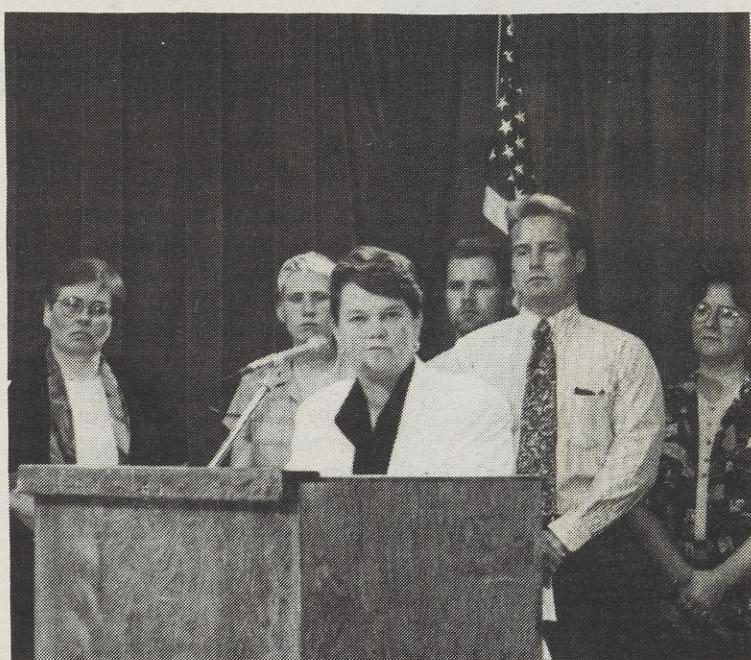
The LIFE AIDS Lobby is housed in downtown Sacramento in a building that is home to numerous nonprofit organizations and lobbies as well as some government offices.

In a prepared comment, McBride added, "I blame the politics of division, the rhetoric of demagogues on the "rabid" right for helping create a climate that allows extremists of all stripes to think their terrorist attacks

are somehow justified. It doesn't matter whether it's white supremacists, militant so-called Christian militiamen, or someone like this targeting gays and lesbians — it's wrong, it's outrageous.

"This caller knew exactly what he was doing. He wanted to intimidate us, cause us fear and panic. He wanted to let us know that in this climate of political violence, we are hated.

"It's time for all Americans to speak up. Hate rhetoric is not entertainment. Hate rhetoric is not political commentary. Hate rhetoric is an incitement to violence. It leads to terror in Oklahoma, to mail bombings that kill, to hate calls like the



Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl and members of LIFE AIDS Lobby at the press conference regarding the April 25 bomb threat received by their office.

one received today."

The LIFE AIDS Lobby, a nonprofit advocacy organization, has sponsored such high-profile bills as AB 101, the gay rights bill, numerous AIDS bills, and a statewide domestic

partnership bill. Working on behalf of gay, lesbian, and HIV-affected Californians, LIFE represents over 100 gay/lesbian and HIV-related organizations statewide. ▼

Is our right to parent threatened?

by Anne Chambers
MGW/Staff

Their home no longer rings with childish laughter. The scattered toys have long since been put away. Memories of good night hugs, bedtime stories, and other family rituals are beginning to fade.

On April 21, Sharon Bottoms, who has been fighting for custody of her son Tyler since 1993, was declared an "unfit custodian" of her son by Virginia's state supreme court. Custody of three year old Tyler was granted to Sharon's mother, Kay Bottoms.

The court's decision was based in part on Sharon being a lesbian, despite evidence presented which clearly documented that children growing up in lesbian and gay families suffer no negative effects. The court also cited Sharon's

lack of education and economic instability as contributing factors in their decision to award custody to the grandmother. Concerns that Tyler would experience social condemnation due to his mother's lifestyle were also listed as factors contributing to the court's decision.

GLAAD/Richmond Coordinator Kelly McHugh responded to the court's decision by stating, "This is a sad and frightening day for all parents whose families do not agree with their living arrangements and personal situations." An editorial in

the Richmond Times-Dispatch on the day following the ruling lauded the court's decision saying, "Tyler's mother has chosen a lifestyle violating both nature and Virginia law."

The task of Virginia's Supreme Court was to decide whether to subject her son to the same lifestyle. In deciding to spare the boy such a bizarre upbringing, the jurists made a prudent decision: one that finally mercifully puts the child's interests first."

Unfortunately, such extreme opinions are all too common when it comes to the issue of lesbians and gays

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Sacramento AIDS hospice opens

After hundreds of labor hours from an outpouring of community supporters, the first licensed residential AIDS hospice in the Sacramento area opened last week to care for people in the end stage of the fatal disease. The landmark opening comes as the new Congress debates over eliminating a HUD funding program vital to the new hospice and persons battling HIV/AIDS.

Avalon, a six bed suburban dwelling, provides a comfortable homelike environment and skilled care to persons during the last six month of their lives. Without Avalon, these people would be housed in expensive acute-care hospitals or left homeless. Patients will be admitted who have no family, friends, or loved ones able to care for them, and no suitable place to live and are in the last six months of life.

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support. Each resident has a private room, comprehensive services through UCd Medical Center's Hospice Program, including medications and medical equipment, and access to other service providers through the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

The unique hospice was organized by the AIDS Housing Alliance (AHA), a nonprofit charitable corporation formed by a collection of concerned citizens dedicated to providing care for people with AIDS. The group formed out of concern over the

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Right to parent ruling

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parenting. In Wyoming last year a lesbian mother was ruled unfit because the judge in the case felt the mother's "open homosexuality has and is likely to create confusion and difficulty for the children...and negatively affect development of the children's moral values," according to an article in the Boise, Idaho newspaper Diversity.

Also in Wyoming, Judy Paxton, a lesbian mother of three boys who kept custody of her youngest son when she divorced her husband in 1992, has sued for custody of her other two sons. Paxton sued upon learning from social agencies that her ex-husband was abusing the two older boys who were in his custody. According to Diversity, her ex-husband is counter-suing for custody of the youngest boy on the grounds that Paxton is a lesbian. On March 6 a preliminary hearing was held during which Paxton's attorney tried to have the issue of sexual orientation excluded from the hearing. In response, Paxton and her attorney were fined \$150 for "bringing frivolous motions before the court."

The chairperson of United Gays & Lesbians of Wyoming (UGLW), Maria Lasaga, has responded that "Apparently, physical and emotional abuse are more appropriate and desirable for children in Wyoming than having a lesbian mother." Paxton told Diversity, "My worst nightmares are coming true. I could lose my boys, and lose them to abuse, just because I am a lesbian."

In a similar case in Alabama, a lesbian mother, Kathy Watwood, wrote a letter to the editor of the Alabama Forum describing her ex-husband's abuse of her two sons whom she gave him custody of four years ago when she was suffering from a serious illness. Watwood describes in her letter her attempts to regain custody of her sons and her ex-husband's attempts at shifting the focus

of the case from his abuse of the boys to her sexual orientation. Watwood fears she will be denied custody of her sons simply because she is "in a loving, same-sex relationship."

Earlier this year the Nebraska Dept. of Social Services issued a statewide ban on foster parenting by lesbians and gay men. In Washington state an initiative has been proposed that would ban adoption, foster-parenting, guardianship, and AI for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons.

In Sacramento, Governor Pete Wilson recently reversed a new state law under which it was easier for lesbians and gay men to adopt than it had been previously. A recent Associated Press article states that according to Kate Kendall, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, state supreme courts in Virginia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma seem to be taking the position that a parent may be considered unfit solely because he or she is a homosexual.

Lesbians and Gays across the nation are saddened and outraged over these recent blows to our rights as parents. Worry over who may be the next gay or lesbian parent to become embroiled in a custody battle has many lesbian and gay parents rightfully concerned. When we think of how quiet Sharon and April's home has become without Tyler we all hold our own children a little tighter and a little longer.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights provides free legal services and can help with custody battles. NCLR can be reached at (415)392-6257.

Action: Letters of support may be sent to: Sharon Bottoms and April Wade, c/o National Center for Lesbian Rights, 870 Market St., Suite 570, San Francisco, 94102



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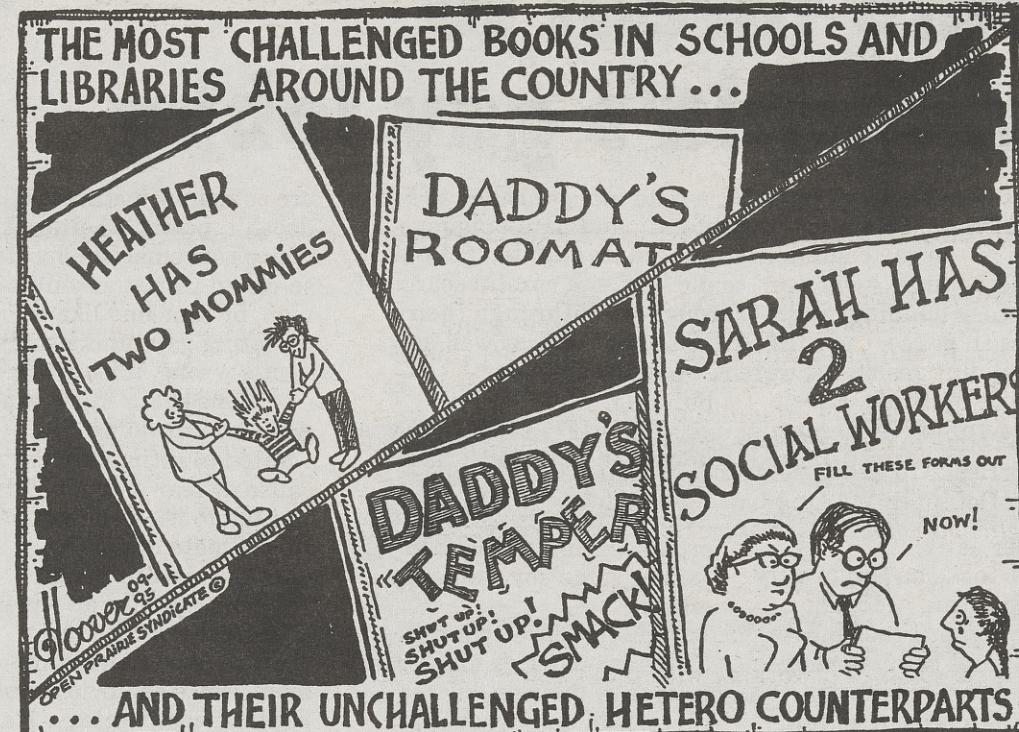
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Judy Paxton is in need of financial assistance to help cover court costs. Contributions may be sent to: Judy Paxton Trust Fund, Edwards & Johnson, 211 West 18th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Letters of support for Judy may be sent to: J. Paxton, Box 6791, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Kathy Watwood also needs financial assistance to help cover court costs. Contributions may be sent to: Hart and Alfano, Attorneys at Law, 209 Louisa St., Warrior, AL 35180. Make checks payable to Hart and Alfano (for Kathy Watwood). ▼

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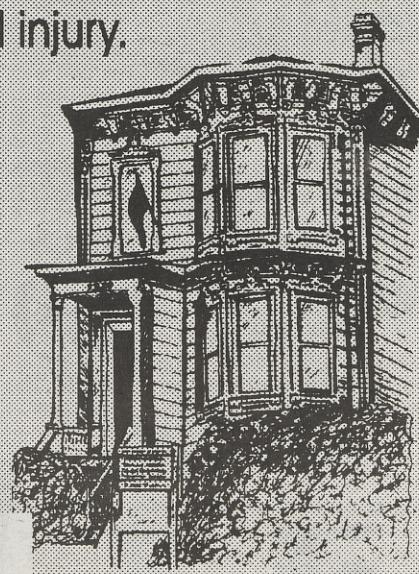
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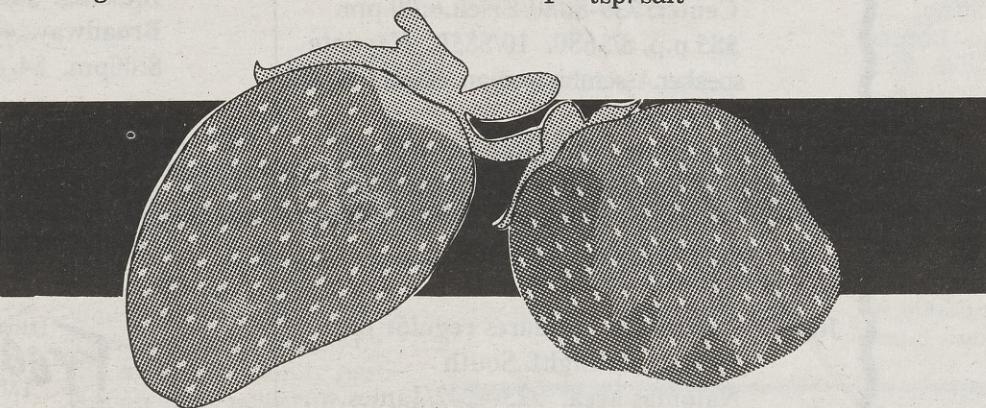
reviewed by Christopher Solis
MGW/Food Editor

Recently I was savoring a friend's Applesauce Cake (Granny Dunford's Apple Sauce Cake to be more precise), and was reminded of the goodness of simple tarts or cakes sitting in a pool of... STRAWBERRY SAUCE. With strawberry season around the corner, I thought it might be a good time to dust off some sauce recipes, using a favorite, strawberries! Oh and Granny's Applesauce Cake recipe follows. Definitely earning four "Mom Heads".

A delicious combination of tart and sweet, try this one with cranberries.

Cran-Strawberry Sauce

- 1 12-oz. pkg. cranberries
- ¾ c. water
- 1 tbsp. sugar (2 if working with tart strawberries)



1½ tsps. grated orange peel
1 pt. size basket of strawberries
½ c. corn syrup
COMBINE: cranberries, 3/4 cup water, sugar, grated orange peel and strawberries in heavy medium sauceman over medium-high heat. Cook until cranberry skins burst, stirring frequently about 5 minutes. Transfer sauce to processor. Add corn syrup and process shortly, until almost smooth. Cover refrigerate overnight.

Simple, simple, simple.

Strawberry Coulis

- 3 pt. baskets of strawberries
 - ¼ c. + 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
 - ½ tsp. of grated orange peel
- Puree ingredients until very smooth. Strain. (Can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate).

For this one, use pureed Granny Smith and Pippin apples to create your own applesauce.

Granny Dunford's Applesauce Cake

- 2 tbsp. cocoa (Hershey's)
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- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. allspice
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt

- 4 eggs
- 1 c. oil or butter
- 1 c. raisins
- 3 c. applesauce
- 1 tbsp. Vanilla
- 2 c. black walnuts (slightly chopped)

MIX: Flour, cocoa, nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon, cloves, baking powder and salt. Put a big spoonful of this mixture over the raisins and walnuts and stir to coat. Mix sugar into the flour mixture. Beat eggs and oil/butter together and pour this into the flour/sugar mixture. Fold in most of the Applesauce; adding the remainder after the mixture is smooth. Fold in the vanilla, baking soda, nuts and raisins. Fold well. Pour into greased, floured large pan. Bundt pan if you prefer. Place into preheated 350F degree oven for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes reduce heat to 325 and continue baking for 60 minutes. Set on rack to cool and wah lah.▼

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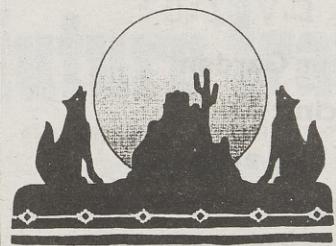
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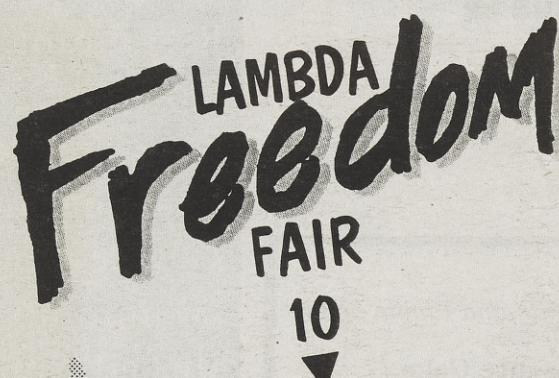
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June 4-Gay Skate Nite. (Just us!) Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd. 923-5927/Charlie. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$6 each/ 2 for ten, includes skates.

June 6- Capital City Squares regular plus level dance night. South Natomas area. 925-4242/James.

June 6- Capital Quarterly's Tuesday Summer Supper Club. No membership, open to everyone. Spaghetti Factory, J St. location. 682-4939/Info. 6:00 pm. \$7. Reservations suggested.

June 7- Club CQ Wednesdays with Shower Dancers. Jammin Jo's, 2721 Broadway. 682-4939/Info 9:pm. \$2 cover

June 8- Lambda AWARDS Dinner. Tuesday Club. 27th. & L St. 371-3848/Marghe. 5:30 /No Host Bar. 7:00/Buffet Dinner. \$25. Donation

June 8 Leather Fashion Show with Ms. Sacramento Leather, Jennifer Blessing. Jammin Jo's 2721 Broadway. 448-4965/Jennifer. 8:00pm. \$4. Cover.

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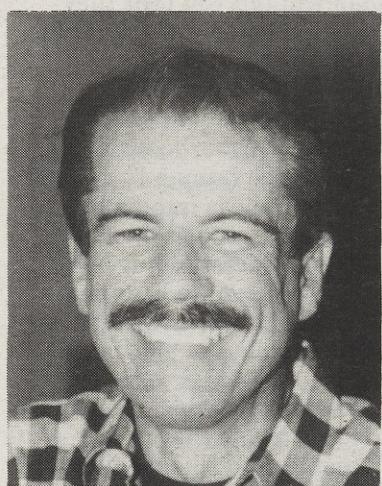
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STREET TALK

Question and Photos by Katharine Davis

"Have you ever answered a personals ad?"



Greg Gorges:

"I did answer a personals ad that was in *Mom Guess What*. I went ahead and met the person who'd placed the ad. It turned out to be a disappointing experience. He misrepresented his age and his appearance."



James McConnell:

"No, I've never answered a personals ad but I must say they make inspirational reading."



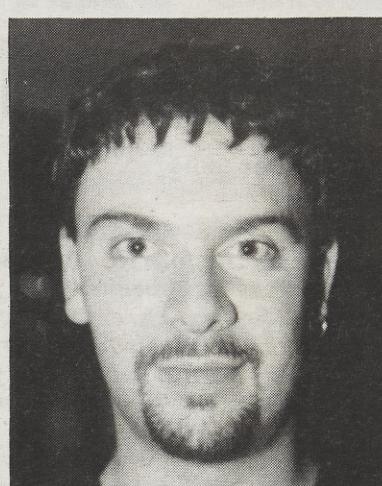
Lou Camera:

"No, haven't thought I've thought about it lots of times. When it came time to I just didn't do it. But ... they look better and better."



Jennifer Selig:

"I did in a backwards way. I took out a personals ad for a friend of mine and I read all the letters that she got, trying to decide if I wanted to respond to any of them. When I decided I didn't want to, I gave them all to her."



Michael Toronto:

"I've never responded though my friends always wanted me to. They think after I get out of a relationship that would be the best way to meet somebody other than a bar but I've never really had the courage to go do it."

MEDIA WATCH

by Al Kielwasser
GLAAD/SFBA

Through the looking glass

The first issue of *The Mirror* has just been published by the Russian Lesbian and Gay Library. *The Mirror* includes a chronicle of events and a review of lesbian/gay content in Russian news media. The Library continues to seek "foreign language materials of all types, which we translate and include in our collection." Send all correspondence to Library, Box 9, Moscow, Russia 125047. ▼

Fundie video

Right Wing groups continue to pump out hate, lies and video tape. The latest video from the Family Research Council (a homophobic "think" tank) is *The Children of Table 34*, which debunks Kinsey studies on sexuality and "reveals that Kinsey used children as young as two months of age in sex experiments conducted by

pedophiles." Contact the FRC at 800-225-4008. A new video series entitled *Certain Failure* is being touted by the American Family Association as a "powerful expose" that "shows how the federal government is using education reform in the public schools to promote the new world order." Contact Prime Time Design/Opportunity Productions at 800-954-1122 (ext. 1). Finally, American Portrait Films, Inc., has released *Rock-n-Roll Sorcerers of the New Age Revolution*; this film for young audiences argues that rock music is "a vehicle for propaganda of Satanism and New Age Philosophies." For more lurid details, contact APF at 216-531-8600. ▼

tunity for registering opposition to Buchanan's bigotry — literally — at his expense. ▼

make a donation: *This Way Out*, Box 32837, Los Angeles, CA 90038, tel. 213-874-0874, e-mail tworadio@aol.com. ▼

"Public" at 425-554-0431 (using vt102 emulation 8N1, or FirstClass software that can be obtained by calling 415-554-0555 or e-mailing info@out.org). The HandsNet AIDS/HIV Forum is another online service "designed to enhance communication among people and organizations working to fight the epidemic at the local, state and national level." For details, contact HandsNet, 20195 StevensCreek Blvd., Suite 120 Cupertino, CA 95014, tel. 408-257-4500, fax 408-257-4560. ▼

Newsletter news

The latest (April 1995) issue of *Trikone Magazine*, a newsletter focusing on lesbian and gay South Asians (including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Tibet) includes a cover story on *Good Books: A Round-Up of New South Asian Queer Titles*. Contact *Trikone*, Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95154-1354, tel. 408-270-8776, fax 408-274-2733, e-mail trikone@rahul.net. ▼

No, Pat, No!

Homophobic talk show host Pat Buchanan has announced his bid to be the Republican nominee for President of the United States. He has also established a toll-free number (1-800-GO-PAT-GO). Intended as a fundraising effort, the phone number also offers an oppor-

On the way out?

This Way Out — "the world's only internationally syndicated weekly lesbian and gay radio program" — is close to signing off the airwaves, for lack of funds. *This Way Out* has been on the air since 1988, and is currently heard on more than 85 stations in seven countries. Info: or to

Modem watch

Outline is a community-based, online HIV information and support network that provides a wealth of information and resources through an easy-to-use graphic interface. Anyone interested in more information can connect, at no charge, using the login ID of

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Cruising the Information Superhighway

Last exit ... cyberhood community centers

by Jennifer Selig
MGW/Youth Editor

This is the fourth and final article in a series about online services especially for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. The first three articles offered a general overview of the online world, introduced an Internet newsgroup for "sexual minority" youth, and discussed the implications of "live chat" rooms for teens.

Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came, you want to go where people know troubles are all the same... and gay and lesbian cyberhood community centers may be just the place. These virtual community centers can reach into every part of cyberia that has access to phone lines; they're open 24 hours a day, hundreds of people from all over the country are always hanging out there, and they contain a wealth of information and opportunities for both the personal and the political.

One such community center is America Online's "Gay and Lesbian Community Forum." The GLCF has been in operation on AOL since May, 1991, and describes itself in the following way:

The Gay and Lesbian Community Forum (affectionately known as the GLCF) is the meeting place for AOL members who are gay, lesbian and bisexual, or who identify with members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities. It is also the home of the Transgender Community Forum which welcomes and supports the transgendered, transsexuals, transvestites, crossdressers and those who identify with them without regard to race, sexual preference, or lifestyle. We also host the HIV/AIDS Forum—a place to obtain and share information about the treatment and prevention of HIV and to find and give support to those dealing with the effects of HIV in their lives.

We have four conference rooms, 23 message boards and over 40 libraries full of files offering information, entertainment and support for our members. We are one of the largest most active areas on all of AOL. In a recent month over 40,000 members spent more than 100,000 hours here. We are all ages, races, religions and creeds. We come from all sorts of families and living situations. We are learning to be respectful and tolerant of each other and our differences. We are learning together how to build a powerful and useful online electronic community.

The GLCF offers a gay, lesbian and bisexual community as close as ones computer to thousands who before would have had to travel to major urban areas to find. We offer a way out of the closet, shining the light for many of our brothers and sisters who have suffered in the darkness of the closet quietly and alone for many years. We are a clearing house for ideas, a place to

play and have fun, a forum for our community organizations to stay in touch with our members. The GLCF is what everyone of you bring to it every day."

The GLCF also offers a safe and informational oasis for teenagers. Permeating every corner of the community center is concern for youth: concern that they have a place to meet other youth, that they have adults they can talk to, that they have access to information on safe sex and AIDS, and that they can find out what's happening politically both around the world and in their own communities. The following lists some of the services for youth provided by GLCF.

Conferences

Every Sunday night from 5-6 p.m. Eastern time, a Teen conference is held. Youth are also welcome at PFLAG meetings, which occur the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month from 9-11 p.m. EST, and at the Coming Out conference, every Friday night from 9-11 p.m. EST. At these conferences, youth are welcome to "speak" by typing their questions, opinions, or feelings onto the screen, or they can simply "listen" to the discussion occurring in the conference room.

Community organizations

AOL provides our community with access to information from many of our best organizations, like GLAAD and NGLTF. Just for youth, under the sub-topic "Youth Organizations", there are 31 folders full of information, such as "Youth and HIV/AIDS", "Books and Movies", and "Gay Youth Groups."

Message boards

There are 23 message boards where people post information, ask questions, or make connections with others. Those targeted for youth are titled "BabyDykes", "Being a Gay Teen in a Gay Family", and "Teen Issues", and there are

over 400 posting in each folder.

File library

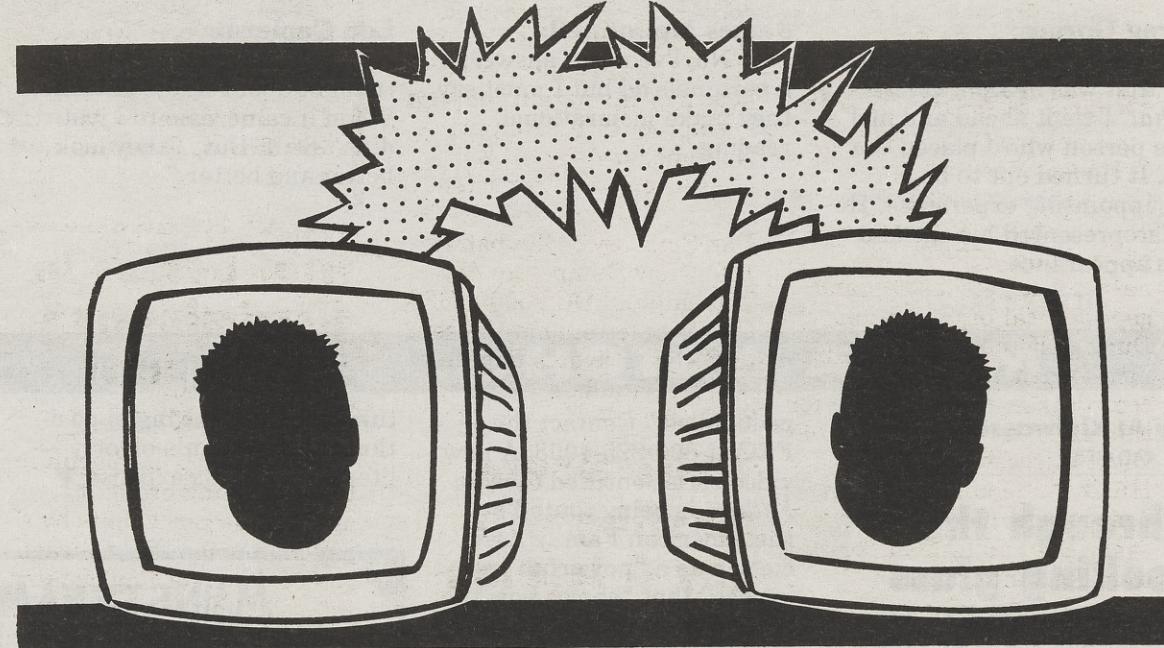
In AOL's file library, there is a folder titled "Youth Resources" which contains a wealth of information that youth can download, includ-

"Issues in Mental Health" forum, and the "NEA Public Forum." Teens who like science fiction, or writing, or comics, or MTV will find bulletin boards in all of those areas with focus on gay youth issues, all by using the Gay AOL map.

Cyberhood community centers have some real advantages over neighborhood gay and lesbian community centers: they are always open and easily accessible to those in even the remotest areas who have phone line capabilities, they are financially self-supporting, they have the most up-to-date information, and you can

accompanying fear of not knowing how to navigate once they get on it (even though those of us who use them will tell you that they are easier to operate than the timer on the VCR!). But most importantly, what neighborhoods will always have up on cyberhoods is the magic of the human body: in cyberhoods it is impossible to touch, to hug, to exchange looks of understanding or commiseration, to hear the warmth of another's laughter or the coolness of another's tears.

No matter what your age, it is this magic that is irreplaceable, and this magic that



ing newspaper articles, brochures, and hotline numbers.

Heart to heart

This is AOL's version of the Love Connection, where people can place personal ads. There is one for "Gay and Bi Teens Only."

Gay AOL map

This map offers a comprehensive look at where else on America Online you can find gay issues being discussed. For instance, there is an area on AOL called Teen Scene, and the AOL map points gay, bi and lesbian youth to where they can post letters or to find pen pals with others like them. For teens interested in entering into dialogue with professional adults who work with youth, they can look to the

visit them with complete anonymity without ever leaving your home (perhaps the greatest advantage for many youth). The downside of cyberhoods can be the cost to get into one (hundreds of dollars for computers, modems, and monthly fees), and for many, the reticence to get on the superhighway and the

joins us together in true community. ▼

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To access America Online, all you need is a phone line, a computer with a modem, and the necessary software to run the program. After the initial set-up, the cost is relatively inexpensive: there is a monthly charge of \$9.95 which includes five free hours each month, with every hour after that billed at the rate of \$2.95. This also allows you access to the Internet and the capability to e-mail anyone with an e-mail address. Free America Online software for either IBM-compatible or Macintosh computers can be obtained by a written request to this youth editor, or for sale at any computer store (approximately \$25.00 with a book). ▼

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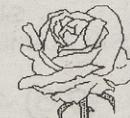
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NEWS CLIPS

by Anne Chambers
MGW/Staff

Life AIDS lobby receives threat

Amid the hysteria following the Oklahoma City bombing and the mail bomb explosion in Sacramento, numerous bomb threats were investigated in the Sacramento area. The Life AIDS Lobby reported being threatened by a caller who advised, "Get out of the building unless you want to die." The Sacramento Bee reported that a police search did not turn up any explosive device. ▼

Newt's sister joins HRCF staff

Candace Gingrich, sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, has joined the staff of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization. During the next six months Ms. Gingrich will tour the country as a spokesperson for the HRCF's National Coming Out Project which is the HRCF's ongoing campaign to "encourage and empower every gay and lesbian person to make a difference in educating America by letting others know who they are." Ms. Gingrich's tour includes a scheduled appearance in Sacramento. ▼

Dole announces opposition to civil rights

Presidential candidate, Sen. Bob Dole (R-DK), announced in a letter published in the Washington Times recently, "No doubt about it, I oppose the special interest Gay agenda that runs from Gays in the military and reaches as far as to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes." Dole was responding to harsh criticism from the Radical

Right for a statement he made earlier to the New York Times Magazine in which he stated, "There oughtn't to be discrimination. Everything ought to be based on potential. Everyone should be treated alike, whether they're black or brown or disabled or homosexual." ▼

Zimbabwe gay's need your help

The group Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe is asking for help in battling their governments' social and legal repression of gays and lesbians. Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, has called homosexuality a "threat to the morality and health of the nation," according to report in Frontiers Newsmagazine. GALZ is requesting that "persistent letters of protest" be sent to: The Embassy of Zimbabwe, 1608 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, DC 20009, USA. Copies of letters may be sent to GALZ, Privates Bag A6131, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe. ▼

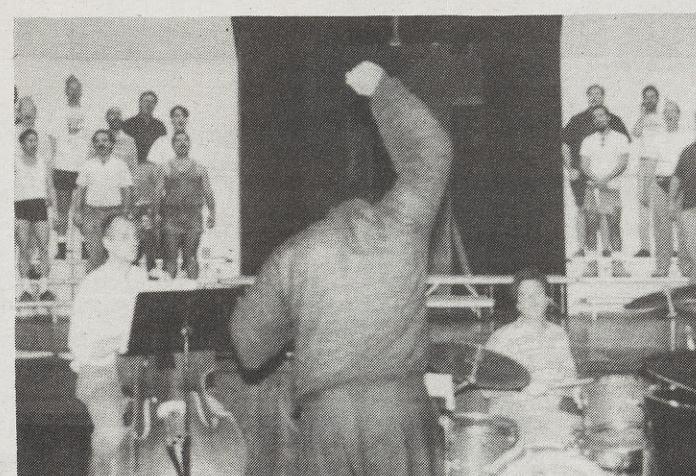
White House meeting with gay & lesbian officials

For the first time in history, gay and lesbian officials will meet with White House officials on June 13 to discuss "issues of common concern," according to Supervisor Susan Leal, the liaison for the historic meeting. The Bay Area Reporter quoted the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's spokesperson Kathleen De Bold as saying, "while there are some concerns about the Clinton administration's response to specific lesbian and gay issues, there is no question of its broad support of lesbian and gay rights." The GLVF is helping Leal convene the meeting and has created a scholarship fund to be used to help officials who

without such help could not attend the meeting. ▼

worship when the owner discovered the church was

Director loses his head ..



MGW/Katharine Davis

The Sacramento Men's Chorus rehearses for the Gershwin, Garland and the Girls concert.

Trial begins in discrimination case against boy scouts

Testimony has begun in the case being brought against the Boy Scouts by a gay man whom the Chicago Area Council of Boy Scouts refused to hire because of his sexual orientation. Anti-gay employment discrimination is banned in the city of Chicago. This case marks the first challenge to the Boy Scouts anti-gay employment policy by someone other than a Boy Scout volunteer. ▼

Gay church evicted in Philippines

Manila's Metropolitan Community Church was forced to leave its place of

performing Holy Union Ceremonies for lesbians and gays. Financial help from the UFMCC headquarters in Los Angeles helped secure a new home for the church. MCC Manila members are interested in penpal exchanges. Write: MCC, Manila, 258 Singalong Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines. ▼

Higher degree of violence found in anti-gay slayings

More than 150 gay men and lesbians were victims of homicides across the U.S. over the last three years, a new study by the Community United Against Violence found. An article in the San Francisco Chronicle states that the results of the study show that anti-gay murders tend to be more violent than

are most homicides. Results of the study also seemed to indicate that anti-gay homicides are given lower priority by law enforcement officials. The report also stated that in some parts of the U.S. authorities may be reluctant to respond to cases involving anti-gay violence. ▼

Same-sex marriage bill not defeated

South Dakota's fledgling gay rights movement scored a major victory recently in the defeat of House Bill 1184 which would have banned same-sex marriages. "This marks the defeat of the first attempt to ban gay marriage as pre-emptive strike against a pending Hawaii Supreme Court ruling on that state's same-sex marriage issue," according to a statement issued by NGLTF. Activists believe that worries of a possible boycott of the state's tourism and business industries, like that in Colorado after the passage of Amendment 2 three years ago, may have been one of the deciding factors in the bill's defeat. Info: Barry Wick, SDGLBF, 13121 S. Creekview Road, Rapid City, SD, 57702-0245. ▼

Constitutional ban on anti-gay discrimination

Poland's new constitution, if approved by both houses of parliament, will prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The new version of Poland's constitution is currently being drafted by a parliamentary commission which voted recently to include a provision banning anti-gay bias. ▼

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The Lambdas Players, Last Summer of Bluefish Cove, Jun 16 - 25. Tickets \$10, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L Sts, \$12 at the door. 442-7752.
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MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP 5:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
TRANS GENDER COMMUNITY GROUP 8-9pm, Jeniffer, 454-2551.
FRONTRUNNERS 6:30 pm, intervals, CSUS track, 6000 J St., 974-8199.
WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 442-4411.

16 TUESDAY

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES. Basic Square Dance Class with mainstream and plus tips. 6:30pm, Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood Dr., South Natomas. George, 929-8697.
HIV+ WOMEN Support Group. Noon - 2pm. Social Hall, St. Francis Church, 26th & K Sts. Mireya, 363-5924.
POSITIVE ACTSAlive at the Edge with Jamie McHugh, 6:45pm, Calif. Ins. of Integral Studies, 765 Ashbury St., SF, 415-753-6100.
WOMEN'S YOUTH 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
PFLAG Video, "Speaking for Ourselves", 7pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 863-9612.
AA MEETING 7:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

17 WEDNESDAY

MEN OF COLOR DISCUSSION GROUP 7pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
LGBA David Prentice: Sexual Harrassment in the Gay Community. 7pm, Carrows Restaurant, j & 28th Sts., 863-9733.
UCD WIND QUARTET with David Granger. 20th Century American music, 8pm, Wyatt Pavilion, UCD, 752-5537.
HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7:30pm, 446-3734.
FRONTRUNNERS 6:30pm, meet at McKinley Park, southeast end of tennis courts, 974-8199.
WOMEN IN BUSINESS "Choosing the Right Accounting System" workshop, \$20, 10am-noon. SBDC office, 1787 Tribute Rd. Suite A. 263-6580.
BIBLE STUDY Non-denominational, informal discussions. 7:30-9pm, 455-3919 or 428-7705.

18 THURSDAY

BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
CODA 7:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.

19 FRIDAY

YOUTH GROUP 5:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
CAFE LAMBDA Come and visit with old friends and make new ones. 8pm, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 442-0185.
COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING, Lessons 7:30; dancing until 10pm, \$2 donation, Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H St. Info: 452-5016.
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20 SATURDAY

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CAMELLIA ORCHESTRA, "Conviviality," Ursula K. LeGuin, narrator, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & N. 441-5188.
SACRAMENTO YOUTH SYMPHONY, Pops Concert, 7pm, Safetyville, USA, 388-5777.
SACRAMENTO YOUTH SYMPHONY, New member auditions, 388-5777.
EAGLES WALKING GROUP Join Sacramento's Gay & Lesbian Seniors in a walk from Discovery Park to Old Sacramento and the Downtown Mall. 10am, 991-2420.
SACRAMENTO BALLET Casey at the Bat. Convention Center Theatre, 14th L Sts., 264-518.
JAZZ JUBILEE CONCERT IN THE PARK, Old Sacramento, Events Hotline, 558-3912.
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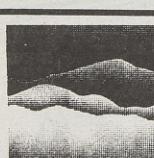
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SOUND BITES

Music for the next century from Orb

reviewed by Craig Vreeken
MGW/Staff

Orb, Orbis Terrarum Island

Imagine the psychedelic science fiction soundscapes of Pink Floyd at their spiciest, combined with the deepest jungle ganja-inspired reggae dub, crossed with the utopian sentiments of new age, and mixed with generous helpings of modern-day dance/rave music. That would be close to the music of Orb. Close, but still not quite there. Orb is an amalgam of anonymous British gentlemen who craft music so "out there" it's barely describable.

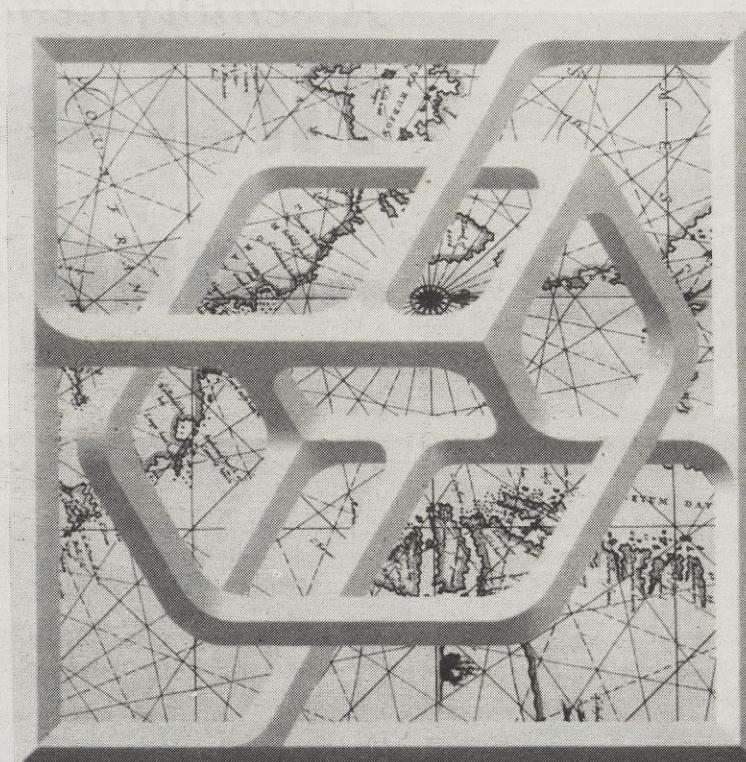
Some call this music ambient, which implies it is sort of background elevator music for techno-dweebs. Others call it techno, which implies it is some lifeless machine-created, repetitive drone. It is neither. It has no name. It is probably the music of the 21st Century.

Orb creates a musical landscape on their newest release, called *Orbus Terrarum*. The songs are named after various geographical locations such as Valley, Plateau, and White

River Junction. The music does not sound so much a landscape as it does a mindscape. The sounds they create take the listener on a trip deep into inner space. The sounds are at once familiar and mysterious. A ringing cellular phone morphs into a rising alien craft. A guitar-like wail evolves into a giant spinning snake. Like the M.C. Escher inspired optical illusion that graces their album cover, you never quite know what it is that you are perceiving. At

one point while listening at a loud volume, I could have sworn that "something" landed on the roof of my house. I actually went out and checked to make sure.

Unlike their previous albums, Orb uses sampled spoken voices to great effect on this release. There are also "environmental" sounds; crickets, water, birds. Juxtaposed with the synthesized "artificial" sounds, a kind of tension and release is created. There is no singing. Each track is long and segues into the next. The cumulative effect is almost like hypnosis. Their music actually attempts to transform the listener, to not only create a "mood," but to cause a physiologic change in the listener's mindset. That's quite a feat to pull off, but



Cover of "Orb"

Orb comes closer to accomplishing this than any other musical group so far.

Orb is not a group you are likely to hear on the radio any time soon. At least not on commercial radio. This is too alternative even for the

so-called alternative stations. But if you wait long enough, say until New Year's morning, 2000, you might hear Orb's latest release wafting on the airwaves as the dawn of the new millennium arrives. ▼

Anderson speaks a new language

reviewed by Craig Vreeken
MGW/Staff

Laurie Anderson The Ugly One With The Jewels And Other Stories, Warner Bros.

Laurie Anderson is a very odd person. But odd in a good way. Anderson is a performance artist in every sense of the term. To see her perform is preferable to merely listening to one of her records. Her shows are multi-media works of art, with the audio only one of the colors of her pallet. But her strange but likable sense of humor, her clever manipulation of the English language and her subtle musical accompaniment make for a unique listening experience as well. With *The Ugly One With The Jewels*, Anderson tones down the visual art to concentrate on her stories. The album is basically a reading from her book, *Stories From The Nerve Bible*, which covers 20 years of her work as an artist.

Recorded live in London and accompanied by sparse music and effects, Anderson speaks in her soothing, almost monotone voice, and talks about her life. She talks about her grandmother and her strange beliefs about the end of the world. She talks about her travels with other artists to a remote Pacific Island. She talks about hanging out with bizarre comic Andy Kaufman and the trouble he would get them both in. She talks about the time she moved into a new apartment, only to discover it was directly above a Hawaiian hollow log drum school. She talks about the week she spent in a convent and went bowling with the nuns. The stories are presented with such irony, and Anderson's phrasing is so deadpan, her

observations so unique, that these stories come off as hilarious, while in the hands of anyone else they might have been merely amusing or even boring. Anderson takes a phrase like "Brewing a dark drink from roots" and it sounds like an incantation from another life form.

She sometimes alters her voice electronically to play a



THE UGLY ONE WITH THE JEWELS AND OTHER STORIES

role. She has done this in some of her other pieces, most notably "Oh Superman," a minor hit for Anderson in the early 80s. The electronic enhancement is kept to a minimum on this album, though. The musical accompaniment, some by

Brian Eno and some from Anderson's own electronically altered violin, is also subtle, and complements the spoken word performance without overriding it.

The most "song-like" track on the album is the last one, called "Same Time

"Tomorrow." This is more a traditional Laurie Anderson song (if one can use the word traditional with her) than it is a story. She uses a theme, in this case the flashing clock on a VCR that always stays at 12:00, and expands on it, repeats it, and builds on the idea of the nature of time. "Is time long, or is it wide?" Anderson asks. She answers her own question: "Sometimes the answer comes in the mail."

This is not an album to be put on as background music. It probably wouldn't work with friends over at the house. This is a great album for a long drive, though, or for laying on the couch by yourself with all the lights out. The album demands your undivided attention to be appreciated, and deserves it. ▼

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Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl ...

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by Amy Yannello
Guest Writer

If fighting for those whose voices aren't heard could earn you a medal, it's quite possible that Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) would have already received a purple heart.

Before entering public office in January, the Harvard-educated Kuehl spent most of her professional life fighting for the rights of victims of domestic violence, abused children and people facing discrimination due to their gender and/or sexual orientation.

Co-founder and former managing director of the California Women's Law Center, Kuehl serves as a national trainer on domestic violence issues for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and women's advocates. She also teaches gender, law and employment discrimination courses at both Loyola and UCLA law schools in Los Angeles. She has served on the board of a battered women's shelter in

Santa Monica and sits on numerous advisory committees, such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Resource Center on Custody, Child Protective Services and Domestic Violence. The culmination of her experiences, she says, is what caused her to seek elected office.

"As I got more and more involved, early on, I realized that the grassroots battered women's (movement) had to advance to the point where it changed the law. I went from local to state to national coalitions and eventually began drafting (bills) and that meant that I had to come here and testify on things."

"I realized that there was really no voice here for battered women's issues and I looked around and said to myself, 'I can do that.' It seemed, to me, that it was important (to the movement) to be involved in this mix, if one could be," said Kuehl.

During the 1980s, Kuehl also became involved in the "second wave" of the lesbian and gay movement

and felt that, because of her public position on other issues, she needed to be a role model for her community -- an important factor, as she would go on to become the first openly-lesbian or gay member of the

The first 100 days

"My priorities are broader than they were when I was working just on women's issues. I now represent 370,000 people. At a time when ideological differences are so clear, it seems like there's a real crossroads here for the state, in terms of direction."

"So my priorities, in the broader sense, is doing everything I can to make sure that the state doesn't block people from achieving their full potential. Indeed, the state needs to assume its responsibility to help people achieve their full potential. That's directly related to any legislation that would end discrimination against the lesbian and gay community or any group of people," she said.

One bill that sought to do that was AB 1001. Narrowly defeated on April 19 in the Assembly Education Committee (the bill failed to garner one Republican vote and split along party lines), AB 1001 would have added "sexual orientation" to the list of protected categories in the California Education Code. The bill would have provided gay and lesbian students with the same protections given to other minority students, Kuehl reported.

Several statistics show the need for such a law: According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 1989 report, 28 percent of gay and lesbian youth drop out of school because of harassment and intolerance in the school setting. In addition, gay and lesbian youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth.

While disappointed about what the vote signaled, Kuehl in no way feels defeated, she said, having prepared for the worst going in.

"I never had an expectation that this would pass this

year. I knew that getting one Republican vote would be impossible this year...I just wanted to open the dialogue. I don't give a damn -- I'll bring this bill back every session until it becomes law. We cannot tolerate this kind of discrimination."

It may be a tough battle, given the fact that forces on the political right are doing everything they can to discredit anti-discrimination laws, targeting the voters with a 1996 ballot initiative to repeal affirmative action.

Kuehl feels, however, that, despite the heavy play in the press, this "movement" isn't the will of the people.

"I believe that what there is is an attempt by some politicians to manipulate people's supportable feelings of frustration and economic insecurity during a long recession by targeting and scapegoating."

"They're trying to create myths of blame that if you don't have a job, it must be somebody's fault, but don't look at the government's economic policies...please look away. Part of my mission is to say, 'don't be



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"They're trying to manipulate you so you won't blame the government."

Far from feeling discouraged by the fact that her party is forced to share power with the Republicans in the Assembly and is only holding onto power in the Senate by a thread, Kuehl seems to thrive on the competition.

"I think both sides feel like it's an uphill battle. I think what happens up here is one of the most interesting and exciting clash of ideas.

"So, I feel more empowered, in terms of the thoughts and ideas I have about social justice, than I ever have. Yes, my beliefs are under attack -- so what's the best response? Articulate your beliefs as strongly as possible and try to convince people why your beliefs are reasonable. One of the most important thing about obtaining public office is that your voice is now equal to that of all others. And the press is enormously interested in what we have to say, because of our position. So our ideas are heard. Nothing could be more empowering."

Two of the more pleasant

surprises during her first 100 days, Kuehl said, was the amount of collegiality felt from "both sides of the aisle" and the overwhelming support she received from the Democratic Caucus.

"They are fierce fighters. And several of them embraced me right away and said "We're going to be honorary members of the gay and lesbian caucus, so you won't have to be all by yourself." They're not just tolerant, they're thrilled. I don't want to single anyone out, but if I had to, I'd say that (Assembly Speaker) Willie Brown has been a wonderful mentor. He's one of the best strategists I've ever met.

"You have to watch him from afar though, because he never gives you direct advice. From him, I've learned to listen; to take time to assess all aspects of a situation before opening my mouth and to think about the state as a whole when making decisions."

Assemblymember Richard Katz (D-Panorama City) is one of the members who readily embraced Kuehl,

asking her to co-sponsor AB 627 with him, making it legal for domestic partners to register with the Secretary of State's Office and receive privileges afforded to married couples, in the areas of hospital visitation and conservatorship rights. (Vetoed by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1994, the bill was reintroduced and later defeated by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on March 29 by a 7-7 vote.)

"There's a real effort up here to pigeon-hole people -- to label them -- and that's hard to do with Sheila. She's extremely smart and a quick study, making it hard for even her critics to hold onto preconceived notions about her. She's one of the bright lights in this place," said Katz.

Characterizing AB 627's defeat as "devastating" for him, Katz added, "I can only imagine what it was like for her."

"She had to listen to some members of the committee attack her and her community in almost everything they said. I didn't have to endure that. What both-

ered me most was the level of intolerance and anger that was expressed in the opposition. It was obvious to me that people would have voted for this bill, had it discriminated against gays and lesbians. Sheila handled it like a professional, though...she knows she's on the right side of the issue," Katz said.

The gay issue

"The radical right no longer has the Soviet Union to demonize...I feel that gays have taken that spot for them as demon of the year. There's no gay bashing done to my face, but there's a lot done in the district."

"However, when AB 627 came before our committee, some of the Republicans on the committee took it (head on), saying that its (passage) would legitimate the gay lifestyle and all. It made me very sad and very depressed because this is such a life and death struggle for us...it was very emotional for me, even though I expected those kinds of statements."

And how do conservatives react to Kuehl on a personal level?

"I think some of them genuinely like me, because, frankly, I'm a likable person. Maybe they meet me and think "I've never met a gay person before...she must be different than all of them" or whatever. I think it's a matter of changing public perception one person at a time.

"I'm a legislator first and a lesbian second -- I think that's how they see me. But, I'm not sure if I want them to forget that I'm a lesbian in order to make it convenient for them to see me as asexual. I mean, men used to say to women in the workplace "gee, I forgot you're a woman sometimes". That's an insult. I don't want that."

Kuehl's influence as a public figure is growing, as evidenced by increasingly higher profile appearances, such as her June 3 keynote address to be given at the Seventh Annual CAP/PAC Dinner & Auction in Sacramento.

While she hasn't formalized a topic yet, Kuehl said, "I'll bet it will be upbeat." ▼



Photos by Katharine Davis

ENTERTAINMENT

SMC revisits 1945 in Gershwin, Garland & the Girls

by Jim Fitzpatrick
MGW/Staff

In a program based on the concept of a live radio show broadcast from the fictional West Hollywood Canteen, the Sacramento Men's Chorus, on Sunday, April 23 (in the second of two performances beginning the previous evening), served up a thoroughly enjoyable selection of standards from the first half of this century.

Although the title of the program would imply these were all songs written by George and Ira Gershwin or popularized by Judy Garland, it actually included compositions by Cole Porter, Noel Coward and Irving Berlin, among others. Yet there was really no introduction to the history of the numbers, outside of the program booklet (which covered some of the composers but contained no reference to Garland).

Regardless, the presentation of the material was, for the most part, nicely executed, with songs, stage "celebrities" and amusing musical jingles for the broadcast's sponsors introduced by the show's on-air announcer (guest Ron Clyma). As an ensemble, the Sacramento Men's Chorus continues to improve age (now celebrating its tenth anniversary season). But it was the solo and smaller

group performances, notably the chorus' six-man offshoot "Entourage" that really shined.

Of the soloists, Paul Jones was sheer delight, particularly on the Carmen Miranda-ish "Body & Soul," as well as a traditional yet highly enjoyable treatment of "Johnny One Note." Equally appealing were Ross Frank whose rendition of "You're The Top" made the double entendre of the lyrics ("But baby if I'm the bottom, you're the top") painfully clear to anyone who's only other exposure to the song has been through the likes of Ella Fitzgerald or Edie Gorme. Steve Watson also tuned in a fine performance of Noel Coward's "Don't Let Your Daughter on the Stage, Mrs. Worthington."

Yet the true standout of the show was guest vocalist Deane Calvin (just who was she? The program guide didn't drop a clue.) Calvin,



Photo/Karen Misener

The Sacramento Men's Chorus production of Gershwin, Garland and the Girls featured some of the best music of the century.

who remained on stage throughout the show, seated next to Clyma when not performing, belted out terrific renditions of "The Lady is a Tramp", the bawdy "Rough and Ready Man", and the hilarious "A Straight Man" ("Is there a straight man in the house?"), before faltering a bit on her rendition of "The Man That Got Away."

One other bit of information I'd like to have seen in the program guide was reference in their respective bios to the homosexuality of Cole Porter and Noel Coward. The bio for Cole Porter goes so far as to mention his

marriage, but ignores his homosexuality. This seems like a serious oversight considering the gay sensibilities that can be interpreted as gay or straight, and both of which encountered much controversy for the blatant sexuality of the songs.

Of course, I'm one of those who remembers the debates ten years ago over whether or not to include the word "gay" in the title of the Sacramento Men's Chorus, and felt strongly that they should. Wouldn't it be great if they chose to do so now on their tenth anniversary, 26 years after Stonewall? After all, their membership,

audience and art is gay or gay-friendly. Of course, this is my own personal preference, and perhaps it's misplaced since I myself could never be a member as my singing voice makes Johnny One Note resemble Pavarotti.

So back to the concert. Gershwin, Garland and The Girls proved to be a finely crafted show highlighting some of the best music of the century. They just don't write them like that anymore! ▼

Firebird soars with talent

by Michael Nicholson
MGW/Staff

Searching for beautiful and exciting talent may be hard to find in the River City, but gold (and talent) has been struck with the wonderful Sacramento Ballet Company's recent performance of Firebird, April 7-9 at the Community Center. Almost 85 years old, Igor Stravinsky's Firebird still sparkles with originality and life as the brilliant company presented it in its 1910 form.

Ballerina Sunny Staton gave a high-flying performance as the magical Firebird who comes to the rescue of two young lovers in their time of need. Staton's abilities of precision and

brilliant work done to make Firebird come alive, One fascinating highlight was the costume of evil Kostchei played by Philip Amer. With Amer's exaggerated moves along with the eerie creation devised by Jones, makes Kostchei a truly hideous villain compared to the Nutcracker's Rat King.

Prior to Firebird were performances of the short

ballets of Rubies and Jeu de Cartes. Both were electrifying and exciting and offered wonderful performances from Amy Seiwert, Charles Torres and Anne Greene in Rubies and Benjamin Wastafer and Sundbeck in Jeu de Cartes. The latter was a humorous presentation as the dancers were costumed as playing cards with amazing choreography from Artistic Director Ron Cunningham.

Next for the Sacramento Ballet is The Mighty Casey At The Bat along with two other pieces May 19-21, offering spectacular performances right here in the Capital City. ▼

Ballerina Sunny Staton gave a high-flying performance as the magical Firebird.

timing, along with her glissades across the stage and pirouettes, made her an exciting standout. Staton may be recognized from her performance in Music Circus' Brigadoon last year as a feature dancer/ensemble in the ballet sequence. She is definitely one to look-out for in the future. Gregory Amato and Tricia A. Sundbeck, both graced the stage as the two lovers captivating the audience with their dramatic performances and free-flowing moves.

Scenic designer and costumer Alun Jones, who also staged the show should be highly commended for the



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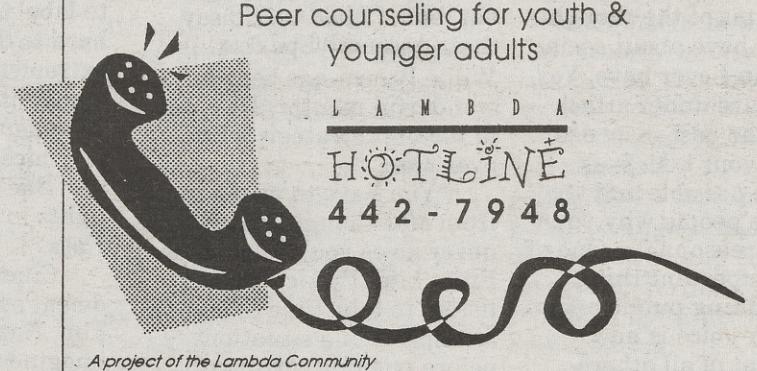
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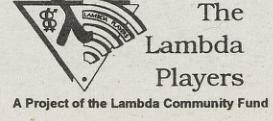
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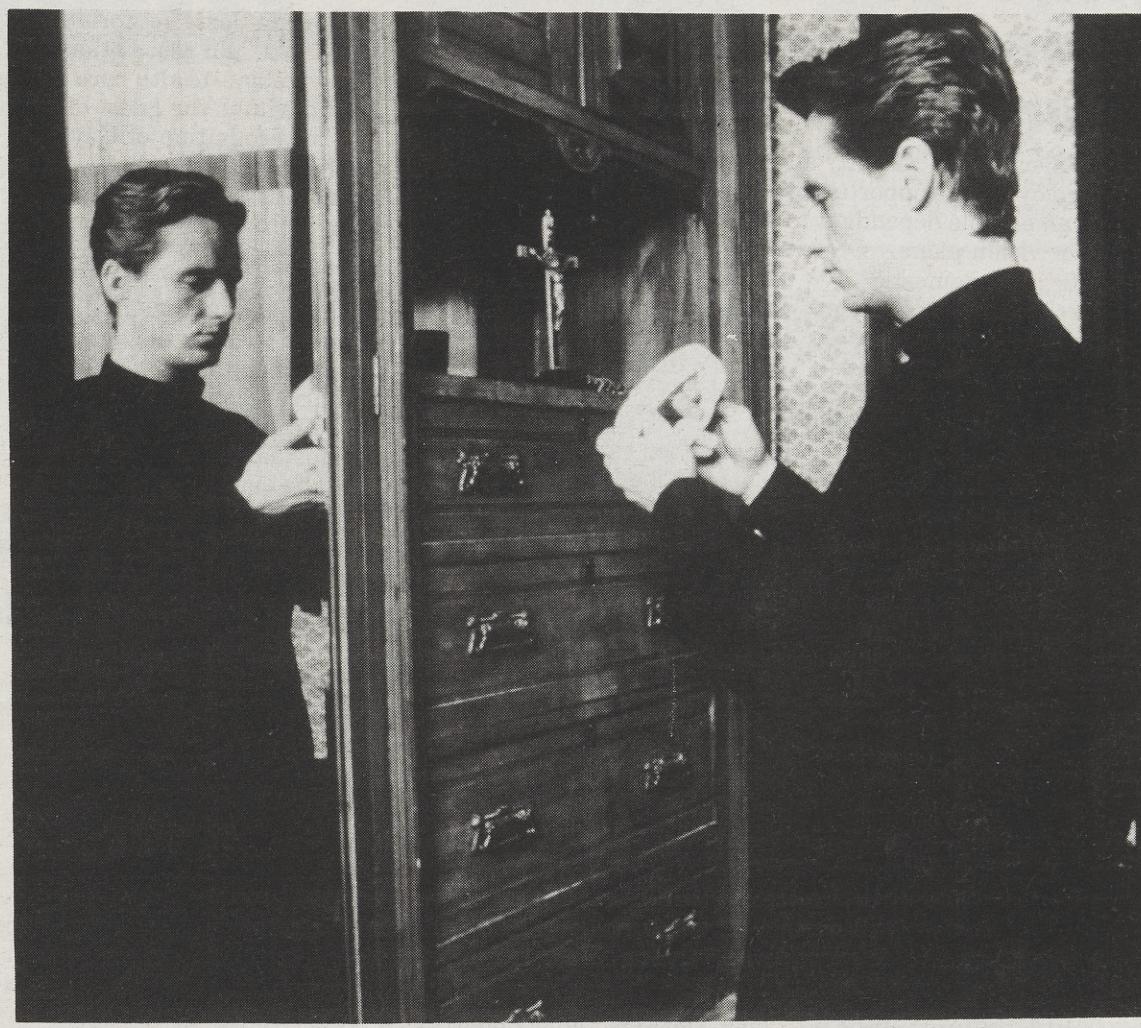
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Priest. Directed by Antonia Bird. Starring Linus Roache, Tom Wilkinson, Christine Tremarco, and Robert Carlyle.

This is supposed to be an important film. It's supposed to tackle one of the Big Issues facing the gay community. Homosexual clergy: we know they exist, but where the heck do they fit in, if at all? Too bad the film doesn't really deliver on its potential.

Definitely the worst part of the film is its trailer (or preview), where the movie's subplot overshadows the actual story completely. Indeed, I only learned this film was about homosexuality in *Out* magazine, even though I had already seen the trailer! Although this is most likely not the director's fault, it reveals Miramax's timidity in showcasing gay-themed movies to general audiences.

His blind devotion to the cross is severely tested in the confessional when he learns that a 14-year-old girl, Lisa (Tremarco) is in an incestuous relationship with her father. This brings a nice bit of irony to the story: her father (played in a stereotypically unpleasant, if effective, manner by Robert Pugh) confronts Greg in the confessional and tells him to lay off. What he's doing with



Father Greg (Linus Roache) takes off his collar as he prepares to don his leather jacket for the gay club in Antonia Bird's *Priest*.



At least the actual film shows that Father Greg (Roache) is gay: he has sex and he kisses. Unfortunately, our hero is not especially

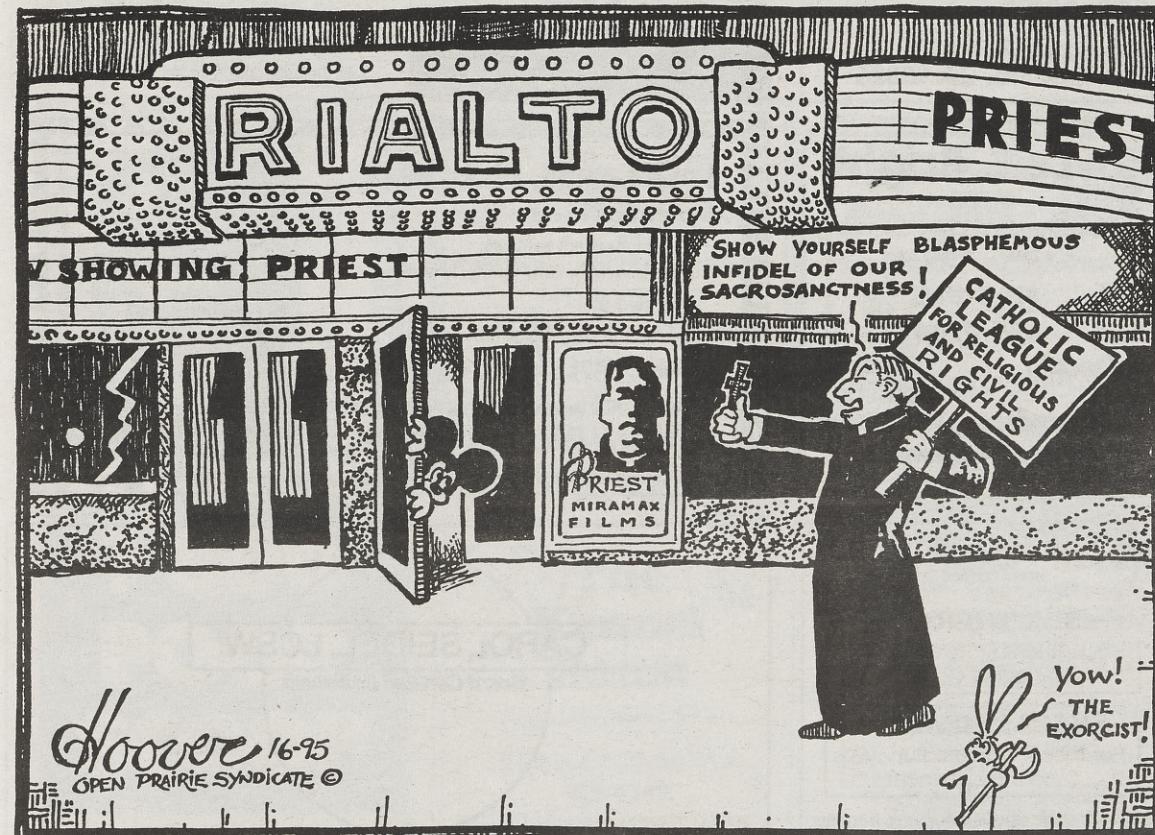
means going against the teachings of the church. Greg believes in adhering to them as much as possible. Lisa is perfectly natural—

of the better ideas in the movie, assuming you accept the condition of the dilemma (confessional sanctity, that is). Unfortunately, it's melodramatically played out, with Greg falling into fits of despair over his inability to decide what's ultimately right: helping Lisa or obeying the church.

Meanwhile Greg doffs his robe and puts on the leather jacket. It's time to forget his troubles and be himself. He

Priest would impress audiences more if they could see that this relationship really meant something and was worth transgressing church doctrine for. Homosexuality

does not warrant forgiveness. Time to seek another church — or none at all — if their fundamental beliefs won't accept you. ▼



likable. He's a hypocritical jerk, in fact, so it's hard to empathize with him.

Greg is a Catholic priest who comes to a poor, tough Liverpool parish. He's the conservative one, faithful in his beliefs, who comes to philosophical blows with fellow priest Father Matthew (Wilkinson) over the application of church doctrine. Matthew preaches tolerance and understanding, even if it

society just won't admit it. Greg's sexuality, of course, could be similarly described, but he utterly condemns the father's behavior in terms that the church also uses to malign the "practice" of homosexuality: wrong, immoral, a perversion, etc.

And this leaves Greg in a bind. He could help Lisa by telling the authorities, but sins revealed in the confessional are sacred. This is one

goes to a gay dance club and meets Graham (Carlyle), who takes him home that night. For obvious reasons, Greg would like it to remain a one night stand. But since he's likely to run into Graham on the street (didn't he think of that?), it's not.

His relationship with Graham is unbelievable. What exactly do these two see in each other, aside from their ability to couple in bed?

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Sierra Club offers domestic partners insurance to staff

The Sierra Club recently announced it will be offering employees the opportunity to enroll a domestic partner as an eligible dependent in any of the Club's medical, dental or vision plans.

Defining a domestic partnership as "two people who have chosen to share all aspects of each other's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring and love" the Sierra Club says domestic partners can be of the same sex or opposite sex and, for staff insurance purposes, will have the same status as married partners.

"Equal pay for equal work means equal benefits for equal work, too," said Alan Weaver, a Sierra Club staff member. "This means the Sierra Club can hold its head up even higher when it asks gay and lesbian people to join the Club or to serve as volunteers or staff." Weaver is an early gay activist who has been working for many years to have the Sierra Club provide insurance to domestic partners. "I am thrilled to find the Sierra Club now in the vanguard of employee benefits programs," said Weaver. He particularly complimented Dan Ginn of the Sierra Club's Human

Resources Department for the research and persuasion required to bring the Sierra Club's insurance carriers into support.

"The Sierra Club is committed to providing benefits that reflect the realities of employees' lives and needs," said Sue De La Rosa, Director of Human Resources. "We have a history of recognizing domestic partners in our employee policies, and are very pleased that our insurance carriers have agreed to offer these benefits."

The Sierra Club is the nation's oldest grassroots environmental organization with 570,000 members nationwide. Over 2,500 members take part in six regional gay and lesbian groups. The "Gay and Lesbian Sierrans" offer opportunities for involvement in the Sierra's Club's outdoor adventure and environmental education programs. Info: (415) 281-5666. ▼

Children who have parents with HIV/AIDS fundraiser

"QUIET FIRE," FORGOTTEN CHILDREN OF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC, is an educational presentation of Art and Sand Tray World Play therapies done by well children who have parents with HIV/AIDS.

Show opens on May 10 and runs through June 3 at the Matrix Gallery, 1725 I Street. A reception will be held on Friday, May 19 from 7-9 pm featuring poetry and music.

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Anne Rudin to be guest of honor at Pride Party

Pride Party set for June 9th, 1995 will be hosted by "qHS prn," an association for central California gay and lesbian health care professionals. Former mayor Anne Rudin will be the guest of honor.

In recognition of Gay and Lesbian Pride month — the event will be held Friday, June 9 from 6-8 pm in Sierra II's Green Room Courtyard. Sierra II is located at 2791 24th St. in Sacramento. The event is open to all gay and lesbian health care professionals and student health care professionals in central California.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and

beverages. Former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin will be the guest of honor. Mayor Rudin has been a major supporter of Sacramento's gay and lesbian community and was champion for the development of Domestic Partnership Registration in Sacramento. Mrs. Rudin is also a former healthcare professional. \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Info: 446-4582. ▼



Former Mayor Anne Rudin

KCRA pulls plug on talk show

Sacramento Bee TV writer Dan Vierria reported that a portion of the nationally syndicated talk show Marilu was deemed too graphic and was pre-empted by Channel 3 (KCRA).

Channel 3 General Manager Greg Kelly ordered a segment of a show on AIDS prevention off the air because it included a demonstration of how to put on a condom. The station filled the remaining 10 minutes with its O.J. Simpson trial coverage.

"It was indecent," said Kelly. "They were putting it (the condom) on a sexual aid. Supposedly the show was on AIDS prevention, but then they got into the physical use of condoms. That wasn't in the story line. It was too graphic, too exploitative."

Kelly said the station was bombarded by telephone calls from angry viewers who complained about the decision. However, a couple of hours after the program aired, the Sacramento AIDS

Foundation reported it had yet to receive a complaint.

"Basically, we're tired of the indecency by these talk-show producers," said Kelly. "KCRA is now longer going to be a party to it. In that time of day we have to exhibit more responsibility than the producers of that program."

Kelly said Channel 3 has pulled the plug on other programs in the past because of questionable taste. He cited Rush Limbaugh and Donahue as examples. ▼

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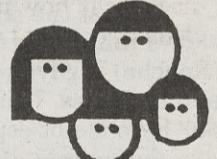
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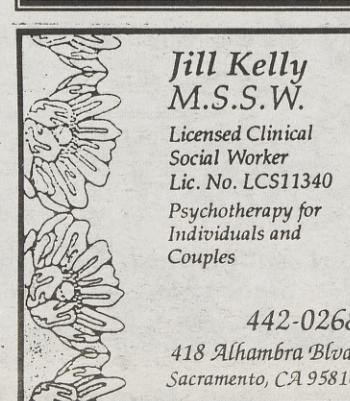
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Flea be gone!!!!

by Joan B. Guertin

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Ahhh, Spring is finally here! Wet, but never-the-less, it is Spring and like it or not, along with the more pleasant aspects of longer days, short and tank top weather, balmy temperatures, comes the pesky flea. The unpleasant little varmints have been the topic of a number of columns. But it seems as if we never run out of things to write about these obnoxious critters. For not only do they cause numerous problems for human and animal alike, they also provide a means to separate man from his/her hard-earned money.

Normal control of these pests can run into some serious dollars. But, even more disturbing is the problems they cause our pets. Many flea-infested dogs suffer from anemia due to flea bites. The best care for of pets can suffer from the debilitating effects of hot spots and other skin conditions caused from the bite of a flea. While it is true that fleas spend a only brief time on our pets, some estimates have the number at about 15%, the bite can lead to a lifetime of problems. This is one reason that I have pursued methods of flea control that will keep these insects off of my animals. I don't want my dogs and cat to suffer from bites. My retired show Corgi, Oliver, is extremely sensitive to the saliva of the flea and used to suffer terribly from hot spots. No more, not since I began using Torus three years ago.

One of the things that those of us who travel to shows are fortunate to discover is how people in other areas deal with the same problems that we have.

Thus, in my travels, I discovered Torus which is a product manufactured by Ciba-Geigy. Torus is a once-a-year IGR premise treat-

ment that prevents the hatching of eggs that come in contact with treated surfaces. By treating my property yearly, inside and out (it doesn't breakdown in sunlight), I have a flea-free property. When the dogs do

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go out I lightly mist them with a weak solution of Avon Skin-So Soft (1 oz to a gallon of water) which acts as a flea repellent and the light oil is good for the coat as well.

On top of that, I recently discovered the miracle of pure Apple Cider Vinegar. A rinse, (weekly if the dog has skin problems), will act as a healing agent for skin condi-

tions and also aid in changing the pH balance of the system so that it is more acidic, which also serves as a flea repellent. Voila.....healthy, flea free dogs without the addition of dangerous chemicals, inside or outside. I no longer use powders or sprays, both of which dulled the coats and proved annoying to the animals. Weekly brushing, occasional baths when the pets smell like they need it and a grooming with a flea comb after a trip off the property, has kept my dogs in fine condition. For some reason, Gypsy cat has always been spared the invasion of these pests.

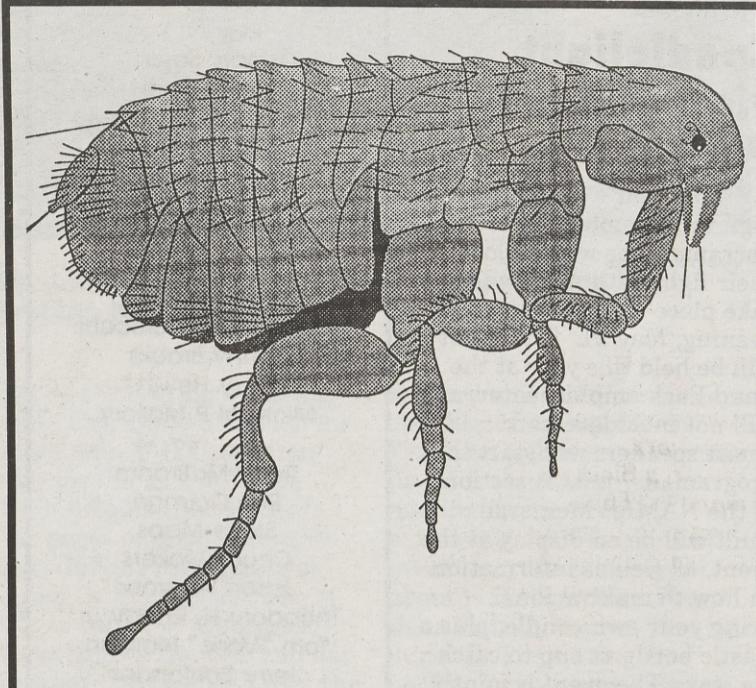
Since I try to maintain an holistic approach to feeding and care of my pets, I really work at avoiding putting any chemicals into them. I have not found it necessary with the regimen I follow. If anyone wants any more information on what I do and what I use. Recently, we in the Sacramento area have received mailings from Kristull Products in Austin Texas regarding the full range of the Torus products. For additional information you can call their toll free number, 1-800 658 6699. Or, give me a call at 916 485 2201. I'll be happy to share my experiences with Torus and tell you how you can get it.

Another exciting product that I feel is keeping my pets healthier and happier these days is Super Blue-Green Algae. It isn't a supplement, it is a complete food that, when added to a pet's regular

diet, acts by going where it is needed. Recent surgeries on both Oliver and Gypsy-Cat, healed remarkably fast and they were both back to normal in far less time than we had anticipated.

I have some exciting tapes available on Algae and Animals, so again, give me a

this before, but believe me, every time I see a dog in a parked car on a hot day, I die a thousand deaths. I leave notes on car windows, I try to find owners ... Often the owners are concerned and thank me ... others appear offended that I am not minding my own business.



call and I'll be happy to send you one.

A word of warning as the weather gets warmer: **Avoid leaving pets in cars.** Remember, the inside of the car may quickly rise to 20 degrees greater than the outside temperature even with the windows cracked. Pets will very quickly suffer heat stroke and die. So, leave the pets at home if you need to run errands. You've heard But, the bottom line is that

pets left in hot cars are at risk. Don't be afraid to continue to educate.

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On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Candlelight vigil at Land Park...

This year's candlelight vigil in remembrance of Sacramentans who've lost their fight with AIDS will take place on Sunday evening, May 21. The event will be held this year at the Land Park amphitheater, and will not include a walk. Guest speakers will start the program at 7 pm. A section of the NAMES Memorial Quilt will be on display at the event, as well as information on how to make a panel. Bring your own candle, plus a plastic bottle or cup to catch the wax. The event is jointly sponsored by CARES, Lambda and SAF.

HIV experts respond to community...

A panel of our Sacramento experts will respond to questions from the audience regarding HIV treatment and services at the UCDMC Cancer Center Auditorium. Local physicians (including Drs. Neil Flynn, Jody Gordon, Nael Nassar, and Bary Siegel) and other AIDS experts (including SAF director Keith Smith, county coordinator Carol Maytum and CARES health educator Guillermo Acuna) will present the program from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday, May 30. The auditorium is located at 4501 X Street (behind the Med Center).

AIDS

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critical need for additional housing for people with end-stage AIDS. With the addition of Avalon, the Sacramento area has 12 AIDS hospice beds.

Avalon is the product of an unprecedented level of grassroots community work in the Sacramento area. Lawyers, architects, accountants, executives, interior designers, artisans, skilled laborers, students, friends and family devoted countless hours of their time to refurbish the home. All involved volunteered time or donated gifts and materials because someone they love has been affected by AIDS.

Key to the effort was President Clinton's national service program, AmeriCorps, which provided young energetic volunteers.

"At the beginning of the project we anticipated that because of our perception that there is a stigma associated with AIDS, the most difficult part would be securing donations of materials and money. Halfway into

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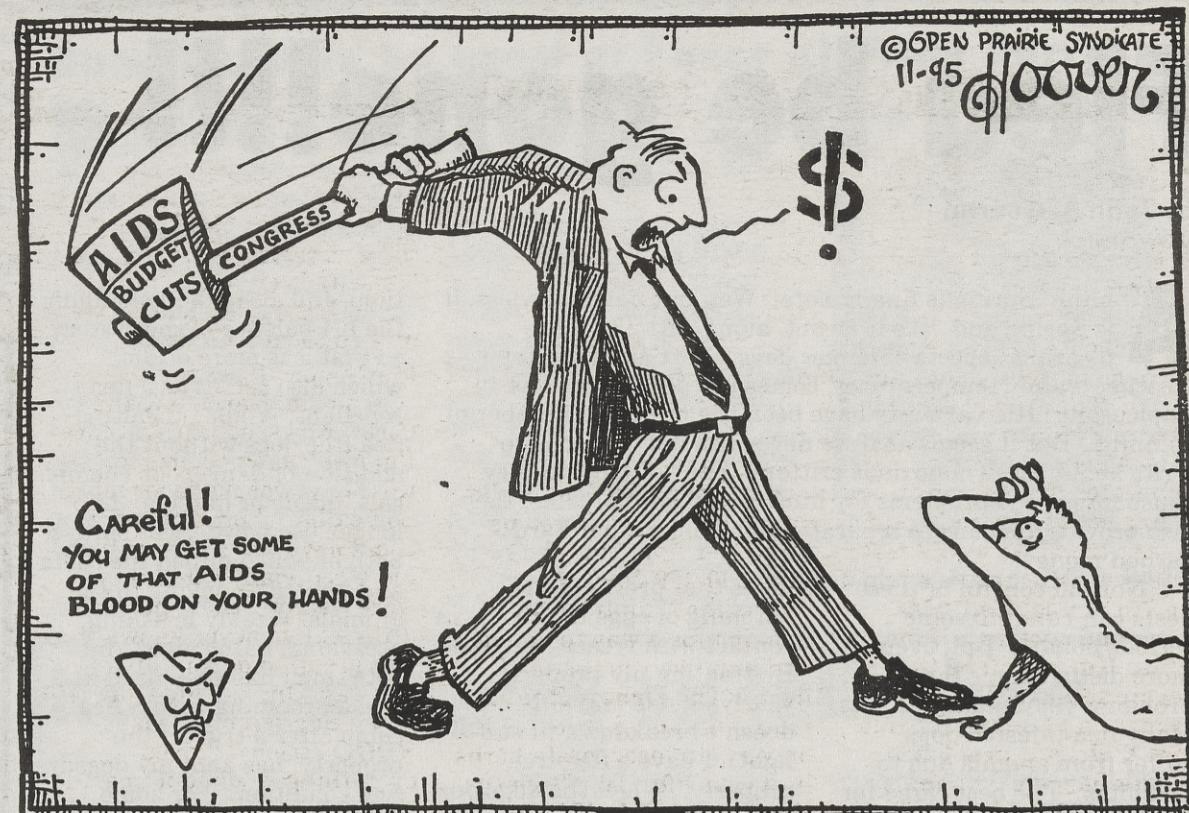
Sacramento readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance column. Please call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss.

Physician's firing upheld...

The U.S. Appeals Court ruled that a Maryland hospital acted correctly when it fired a physician with HIV who refused to end his surgical practice. The court said that surgery posed a significant possibility that the doctor could cut himself and bleed into a patient's wound. In January 1992 the

the project we took note that very few businesses or individuals turned down our requests for donations. This was remarkable for a start-up charity — we didn't even have a house yet," said Brian Putler, chair of AHA. "We were just plain wrong. We attribute the generosity from across the widest imaginable cross-section of the community, to the huge number of people who have been affected by this disease," Putler added. "We started to see that people who have lost a family member or a friend or even somebody they grew up with but have not seen for years feel totally helpless to do something. This project has given them a way to express their grief and make a tangible contribution to fight back."

Avalon provides the most humane treatment for people with end-stage AIDS. The warmly decorated home offers patients a cheerful, soothing environment and much-needed companionship. The interior furnishings were the result of a collaborative effort of the local chapter of ASID lead by Dennis Haworth. In addition to



doctor was stuck with a needle while treating an HIV-positive patient. He was offered alternative practices at the hospital, but demanded that he retain surgical privileges, and took the hospital to court.

Disinfect drinking water...

People with AIDS, cancer patients, or other immunodeficient Americans are being advised by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Carol Browner to drink bottled or home-filtered water because of the serious nature of infections caused by the cryptosporidium parasite, which may be in drinking water that has not been adequately treated with chlorine, the major disinfectant for drinking water used in this country. Browner's announcement was prompted by a study in the New England Journal of Medicine emphasizing that the micro-

providing medical services, Avalon also offers emotional and spiritual support both to residents and to loved ones.

The unique combination of AIDS organizations providing services at Avalon makes the best use of health care dollars and is a model in California. UC Davis Medical Center estimates the costs of providing services in an acute care setting annually to be \$843,000 on hospital admissions of individuals who could be more appropriately cared for in a Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill such as Avalon. The basic cost of a one-month acute stay at UCDMC is \$28,200 (excluding procedures and treatments, and based on a semiprivate room), compared with \$4,782 (including room, board, attendant care, case management and all hospice services) at Avalon.

Congressional budget action is casting a pall on the opening of Avalon, as lawmakers threaten to kill crucial funding. Avalon is the beneficiary of a HUD funding program known as Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA). The project received \$58,000 in

scopic parasite can be extremely infectious, even in small doses. There is no drug to adequately treat the disease it causes, called cryptosporidiosis. Healthy adults can have diarrhea for ten days to two months, but it can be fatal to people with AIDS. A special EPA task force has been formed to research methods for detecting the organism. ▼

Reality check needed on gay drug use...

One of the findings researchers discussed at this year's AIDS Update Conference in San Francisco was that "drugs may be the underbelly of the epidemic" and that the crisis will continue as long as this is not addressed. Over the 14 years of the epidemic, it has been portrayed as if white, fairly well-to-do gay men become infected from sex, and most others became infected either directly or indirectly from drug use. Recent publicity

HOPWA money in the current fiscal year, roughly half of its total funds. The House has targeted HOPWA for elimination under its budget revision proposal.

"The presence of HOPWA money has provided the community with the services to prevent homelessness," said Peter Simpson of the United Way Sacramento Area, the fiscal agent for the Regional Consortium that oversees use of federal funds. "Its absence will force service providers to choose among client requests

has implied that the danger in the gay community is nearly under control because the "safe sex" message is getting out, and that education efforts concentrating on school and street outreach needn't include information for gay men. The reality, according to information presented at the conference, is that 59 percent of HIV cases are still among gay men, that one in five gay men in San Francisco and Los Angeles is homeless, and that one in four gay men also has a history of IV drug use, especially shooting speed. The general public continues to hear that the epidemic is leveling out, but in actuality, says the president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR), "we have 40,000 new cases and 40,000 deaths every year. Two hundred people every day are diagnosed as HIV positive in this country. And IV drug use in the gay community is the elephant sitting in the living room that no one wants to see."

for food, housing, medication, transportation, and home-health, since there are not enough resources to address all critical needs."

The project has been coordinated by the housing alliance, with the support of UC Davis Medical Center Hospice, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services, known as CARES. Information: 979-0925 (hospice services) at Avalon. ▼

FAREWELL

Wayde Eric Winsley

Three dozen friends and loved ones gathered on April 30th to honor the life of Wayde Eric Winsley who died on the 25th of the month. Wayde had battled AIDS for four years.

Born November 23, 1955 in Youngstown, Ohio, Wayde graduated from East High School in 1973. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976 to 1986 before settling in Sacramento. He met Larry Maderos in 1987 and fell in love.

Wayde graduated from Sac State with a degree in journal-

ism in 1989. He also became active in the Gay Games movement, joining athletes from all over the world in Vancouver in 1990. He played in softball, pool and bowling leagues in Sacramento.

Besides Larry, Wayde is survived by his aunt Vilma (Veedie) Raines, who reared him; brothers Clarence and Neil; and sister Cheryl.

Wayde's friends in Sacramento remember his smile and jovial spirit. And he played a real mean games of dominoes. We have all lost something with his passing. ▼

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by John Batchelor

MGW/Staff

FUN! CRAZY! Our town has it all. While we always seem to be in the shadow, our candle shines bright on its own The annual Comedy Auction for the **Lambda Letters Project** was a great success. Yours truly and his honey **Michael** couldn't resist bidding on a two-day whitewater rafting trip on the lower Klamath. We lost in the bidding but **Redwoods and Rivers** River Trips offered us another trip if we would match our earlier final bid. The rest is history. To schedule a trip of call 1-800-429-0090 ▼ The 7th annual **CAP/PAC** dinner and auction is June 3. **Sheila Kuehl** will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are always at a premium for this event ▼ **Joey's new Club Elastik** happens on Sunday nights at 1225 K Street. This unique club occupies the intimate space of Metropolis just below the old Esquire Theatre marquee. Intimate — yes, however there's still room to dance. Come explore this art-deco haven ▼ What luck to happen upon a new cafe and espresso bar on J Street. **Masako** at 21 and J (next door to TAPA) is attractive and inviting, especially with its rainbow flag on the door. Stop by and say hello to manager **Ciana Yniguez** and take a look at

the ceiling sculpture ▼ Looking for a way to enhance and improve your style of living? The **Urban Herbalist** offers classes through July on ways to incorporate herbs into your life. Call **Christy Porter** at 447-HERB for class information ▼ Happy May Anniversary to **James Ozanich** and **Russ March**. (Is it four, three or two years?) Rumor has it, that these two did start the ball rolling a whopping **FOUR** years ago. Congrats! ▼ Happy May Birthdays to **Dr. Scott Christensen** from CARES, Square dancer **Rick Corell**, Rocklinite **Gary Coates**, Tahoe Parkite **Dana McKee**, Pleasant Grove-ite **Pete Pavay**, Sierra College's **Cindy Mariano**, Linda's sister **Jennifer Birner** at the Tower Stores ▼ Belated birthday wishes to "AIDS education extraordinaire"

tim Cicinato. Tim is a driving force in bringing the Quilt to area schools, ultimately saving many young lives. Going back even a bit further **Brian Polejes** (quite the community activist himself) celebrated a birthday in March ▼ The **Sacramento Men's Chorus**

(SMC) spring production "Gershwin, Garland & the Girls" was spectacular! Since I'm **NOT** a serious person, this show was made for me! Some SMC chorus members could have camped it up even more especially when they were weaning those head-dresses. I've never known this group to do anything halfway. One talented guy is **Gary Segura** but he is **SOOO** serious. I loved everything he did but missed that important smile. The addition of female vocalist **Deane Calvin** brought the house down with "Rough and Ready." **Paul Jones** also did "Body and Soul" sweet justice in Act II. You can see SMC again at Pride 1995 on June 17 (a benefit for HEAL) ▼ If you missed the Capital Quarterly (CQ) trip to Maui recently, there's another opportunity to make it to the islands (not affiliated with CQ). The **Pacific Men's Gathering** is July 31-August 6. It is an extraordinary adventure in Hawaii's environment, culture, healing arts and the tradition of **'AIKANE** — men appreciat-



Dr. Joanne Marrow and Midge Marino at SACWN Lesbian Film Festival.

ing — celebrating — loving men. Call 1-800-800-6886 for more info ▼ In a community profile on the Tahoe Park neighborhood, within the pages of the *Sacramento Bee*, **JoAnn Milligan** was ousted (with consent)! She is the co-owner of **Constant Cravings Cafe**. She and her partner both live and own the cafe in Tahoe Park. The article goes on to mention

that many lesbian couples are choosing to live at Tahoe Park. An informal group that meets for potlucks has a mailing list of 150 gay women ▼ And finally, one event that you must know about is the **Lambda Freedom Fair** at Capital Park on June 10. The setting is perfect for our ever-growing annual celebration **John** ▼

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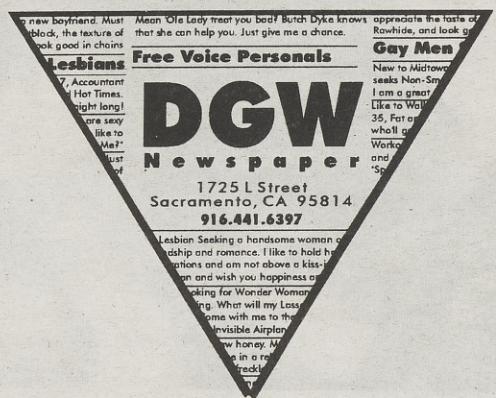
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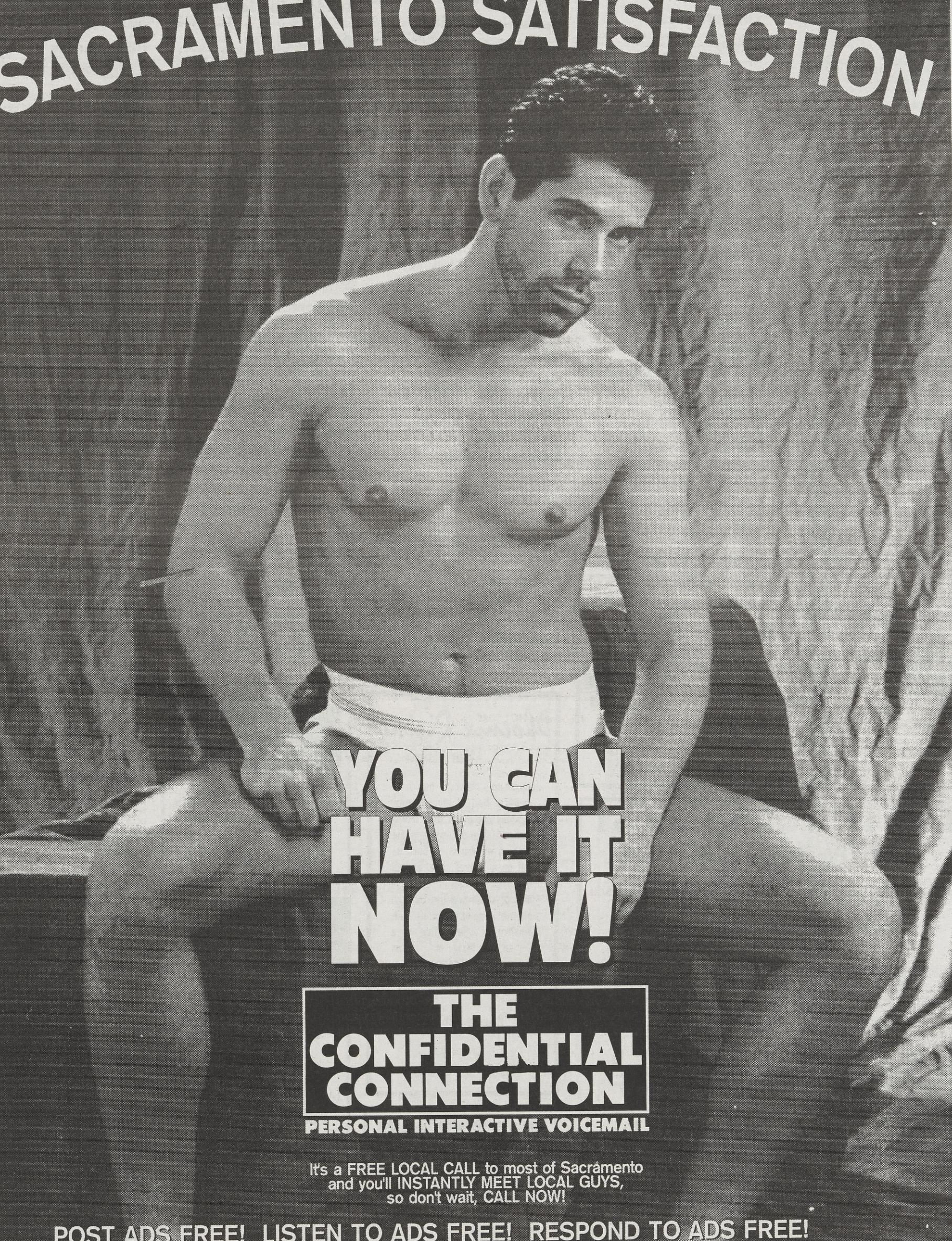
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Nelson Gallery, Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, Jun 2-30; Portraits & Self-Portraits, thru Sep. UCD, 752-8500.

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